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The amendment filed 4/8/04 is not completely responsive to the prior office action because of the following reason(s):

The format of the amendments to the specification and claim are not in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121 because:

(1) the text used to replace a paragraph on page 4, line 11 does not include markings to show changes, as required by 37 CFR 1.121(b)(ii);

(2) the amendment to the specification to delete the text beginning from page 23, line 18 and ending at page 25, line 11 is not clear. Line 18 of page 23 seems to be in the middle of a table. What is to be deleted by an amendment to the specification must be a paragraph (see 37 CFR 1.121(b)(1), and it is not clear what is the paragraph to be deleted herein;

(3) the claim list does not commence on a separate sheet and the sheet containing the text of the claims also contains remarks ("Paragraph (c)(1) requires that any sheet of an amendment paper including part of the text of a claim shall not include material directed to any other part of the amendment or any remarks concerning the claims", see Rules and Regulations, Federal Register, Vol. 68, No. 125, Monday, June 30, 2003, page 38617, right column); and

(4) the word "as" in claim 6, line 3 is added by the amendment, but is not marked.

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